

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: **BOILLEY**

Serial No.:

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For: Hybrid Riser Or Pipe For Fluid Transfer

Group:

Examiner:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 23, 1999

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 5" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 7" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 7" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 4, delete "any one of claims 1 to 8" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 12, line 1, delete "any one of claims 10 et 11" and insert --claim 10--.

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are respectfully requested prior to examination on